

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) A floatable dry dock comprising:
a lifting cradle having two spaced arms pivotally mounted on a buoyant base,
one or more floatation tanks interconnecting the arms,
a platform mounted on the arms, and
platform support means operable to ensure that the platform remains horizontal
when the arms pivot about their ~~pivotal attachment to~~ pivot mount on the base,
wherein the platform has wheels at an extremity of the platform and the
platform support means comprises an arcuate track on each arm along which the
wheels of the platform run when the arms are pivoted while maintaining the platform in
a horizontal attitude;

whereby the floatation tanks may be flooded with water to lower the platform
and enable a vessel to float into position over the platform, and purged of water to lift
the vessel clear of the water.

13. (Previously Presented) A dry dock as in Claim 12 wherein the arms are of
an arcuate shape and there is a plurality of elongate flotation tanks extending between
the arms to define a part cylindrical cradle.

14. (Previously Presented) A dry dock as in Claim 32 wherein the base
comprises a catamaran vessel.

15. (Currently Amended) A dry dock as in Claim 14 wherein the base comprises
a sidewall located at each end of ~~[[the]]~~ hulls of the base and ~~[[the]]~~ a pivot about
which the arms rotate is located on an axis between the hulls that extends along
~~[[the]]~~ a length of the hulls.

16. (Previously Presented) A dry dock as in Claim 12 wherein a single floatable cradle is mounted on the base.

17. (Previously Presented) A dry dock as in Claim 12 wherein two spaced floatable cradles are mounted on the base.

18. (Previously Presented) A dry dock as in Claim 12 wherein the arms comprise inflatable buoyancy tanks.

Claims 19 - 31 (Cancelled).

32. (Previously Presented) A dry dock according to claim 13 wherein the base comprises one or more elongate hulls.

33. (Currently Amended) A dry dock as in ~~Claim 22~~ Claim 32 wherein the base comprises a sidewall located at each end of the hulls of the base and ~~[[the]]~~ a pivot about which the arms rotate is located on ~~[[an]]~~ a longitudinal axis of the base ~~between the hulls that extends along the length of the hulls.~~